

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended) An adapter to be placed between an endotracheal tube and bag-valve mask, the adapter comprising:

~~a housing containing~~ a first tube for attachment to an endotracheal tube and a second tube for attachment to a bag-valve mask;

~~a carbon dioxide indicator within the housing,~~ mounted on an exterior portion of the second tube and being in gaseous communication with the endotracheal tube, and isolated from the atmosphere.

Claim 2 (original) The adapter of claim 1 wherein the first tube has a tapered insertion end for fitting within an end of the endotracheal tube.

Claim 3 (original) The adapter of claim 1 wherein the first and second tubes are axially aligned.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The adaptor of claim 1 wherein the ~~housing-~~ second tube has an orifice in the perimeter of the second tube, and the carbon dioxide indicator ~~covering~~ covers the orifice, ~~barrier and further comprising a casing~~ isolating the carbon dioxide indicator from the atmosphere.

Claims 5-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) The adapter of claim 4 wherein ~~the orifice are spaced around the second tube and~~ the carbon dioxide indicator surrounds the second tube over the orifice.

Claim 8 (currently amended) The adapter of claim 7 1 wherein the carbon dioxide indicator is a ~~ring of~~ chemically treated colorimetric indicator paper.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The adapter of claim 8 4 wherein the ~~barrier~~ casing is a clear ring.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The adapter of claim 9 wherein the clear ring has a C-shaped cross section defining ~~an aperture~~ a channel for ~~placing~~ receiving the carbon dioxide indicator.

Claim 11 (currently amended) A combination comprising:
an endotracheal tube;
an adapter having ~~a housing containing~~ a first tube attached to the endotracheal tube and a second tube for attachment to a bag-valve mask;
a stylet placed within the endotracheal tube and the adapter to provide temporary rigidity to the endotracheal tube;
a carbon dioxide indicator on the adapter; and
the endotracheal tube, adaptor, carbon dioxide indicator and stylet being pre-assembled and packaged as an assembly.

Claim 12 (original) The combination of claim 11 further comprising a handle attached to the stylet to facilitate removal of the stylet from the endotracheal tube and the adapter.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The combination of claim 12 wherein the handle interfaces with the second tube to form a seal.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (currently amended) The combination of claim 14 ~~wherein the housing has~~ further comprising an orifice in the perimeter of the second tube, the carbon dioxide indicator covering the orifice, a barrier and further comprising a casing isolating the carbon dioxide indicator from the atmosphere.

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (currently amended) A method of placing an endotracheal tube within a patient and testing for placement within the patient's trachea, the method comprising:

providing a ~~bag-valve mask and an~~ pre-assembled and packaged endotracheal tube, ~~an~~ adapter attached to the endotracheal tube, ~~having a carbon dioxide indicator, a~~ and stylet ~~within~~ extending through the endotracheal tube and the adapter;

placing the pre-assembled endotracheal tube and stylet within the patient;

removing the stylet from the endotracheal tube and the adapter;

placing ~~the~~ a bag-valve mask upon the adapter; ~~and~~

ventilating the patient; and

determining proper placement of the endotracheal tube within the patient's trachea by observing the carbon dioxide indicator.

Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (original) The method of claim 17 further comprising:

providing a handle attached to the stylet and interfaced with the adapter to form an air-tight seal;

gripping the endotracheal tube with one hand and pulling the handle to remove the stylet.

Claim 20 (original) The method of claim 17 further comprising the step engaging the bag-valve mask for one ventilation cycle.